

## COMPLETE PLANS TO HIRE EXPERT

Farmers to Be Given Opportunity to Express Themselves on County Crop Matter

Another step was taken this afternoon toward the hiring of a crop expert for farmers of Rock Island county when at a conference in Moline plans were completed for a monastic meeting of farmers of this vicinity and citizens of Rock Island and Moline. Time of the meeting was the most important matter to be disposed of at this afternoon's session which was attended by members of the executive committee of the Farmers' Protective association, George McMaster and E. G. Jamison. Intention was to name a time for the meeting which will not conflict with the Rock Island county farmers institute which is to be held at Coal Valley this month. The meeting in Moline will be attended by farmers of this vicinity only. Farmers' organizations in the lower and upper ends of the county however, are also assisting in promoting the plan in their respective districts.

First thing to be done at the mass meeting in Moline is to find out whether the farmers want a crop expert. If they do, aim is to then organize with 200 farmers and have them subscribe \$5 a year each toward his salary. After the rural districts have been canvassed, intentions are to call on persons in the cities and raise enough money to make up the amount necessary to pay the salary of an expert and expenses of his office.

It is thought the salary will be about \$4,000 a year.

According to provisions of a bill recently passed by the Illinois legislature the state will contribute \$1,200 a year toward the salary of a county crop expert in event an organization is formed and remainder of the money is raised by the county.

A speaker familiar with the duties of a crop expert will be engaged for the meeting here. Probably Mr. Eckhardt, crop expert of La Salle county, who spoke at the Edgington community fair last week, will be present to give facts and figures in support of worth of the plan to educate farmers along lines of intensive farming.

## LOCAL BOYS WINNER PING PONG TOURNAMENT

The ping pong tournament held with Moline at the local boys' department last night resulted in a victory for the latter. Rock Island boys won a total of 18 sets to four for Moline. This makes the second time the locals have defeated their rivals here at home. Two weeks ago Moline won a match by three games on home grounds. The matches are creating a lot of interest. Over 200 saw last night's games. The boys representing Rock Island were: Harry Clarke, Dick Copp, Arthur Bruner, Robert Pearce, Harrison Sperry, Kenneth Vernon, Earl Arnold, John Dine, Russell Framing, Arthur Allen, Paul Wallace, Paul Garrison, Harold Baker and Edward DeSmet.

The boys' department will conduct a boys' meeting at the Central Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. All boys in the church district are invited to attend. R. C. Smedley will be the main speaker and short talks will also be given by other men and boys. E. Herlocker will lead the singing and also sing a solo.

## ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS GIVE PLAY

(Special to The Argus.)

Aledo, Dec. 4.—The junior class of the Aledo high school gave a play, "Fannie and the Servant Problem," at the opera house last evening to a large audience. The class rehearsed under the direction of Miss Annie Ford and Professor H. K. Whitfield, and gave quite commendable play artists.

The principal character, Fannie, played by Miss Lucille Curtis, is a pretty actress who marries Lord Bantock, played by Frank Moffit. The cast of the play follows:

Fannie.....Lucille Curtis  
Lord Bantock.....Frank Moffit  
(her husband).....Frank Moffit  
Martin Bennett (her butler).....  
Merle Lewis  
Susanna Bennett (her housekeeper).....  
Marie Morrison  
Jane Bennett (her maid).....Hazel Diez  
Ernest Bennett (her maid).....  
Lena Winger  
The Misses Wetherall (her aunts by marriage).....  
Margaret Seaton and Minnie Mayhew  
Dr. Freeman (her local physician).....  
Stuart Bollinghouse  
James P. Newell (her former business manager).....George Detwiler  
"Our Empire" (her former companions of the stage).....  
Vera Latrell, Cora Bistline, Alice McGaughey, Ethel Mawby, Mina Douglas, Ruth Mayhew, Geneva Bowden, Beulah Berglund, Marguerite Curran and Mabel Vance.  
Music was furnished between acts by the high school quartet, and Miss Phyllis Peters, soloist.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLANS SUFFRAGE CONVENTION



Left to right: Glenna Smith Timmer, Mrs. Sherman M. Booth and Miss Zona Gale.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Aroused by what they regard as the extraordinary gains made by the suffrage cause in the east this year when they polled more than a million votes, the leaders of the National American Woman Suffrage association announce their intention of turning the annual convention, to be held in Washington, Dec. 14 to 19, into a study of "the psychological moment in the history of suffrage."

The phrase is Dr. Anna Howard Shaw's, and it is intended to cover the conviction of the women leaders that the time is ripe for a big advance, both in state campaigns and to the federal amendment, and that the convention must be prepared to review the present plans and methods and devise new ones to meet the changing conditions. Many of the discussions will be behind closed doors.

Dr. Shaw has herself accepted the chairmanship of the program committee, and, with its members, is working

ing out what is designed to be "the most constructive program" which the national suffrage convention has ever had. It will be full of concrete suggestions about state campaigns and the work of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Working with Miss Shaw on the program are Mrs. Sherman M. Booth of Glenview, Ill., one of the "big four" which passed the suffrage bill through the Illinois legislature; Mrs. Stanley McCormick of New York City, first vice president of the National association; Miss Zona Gale of Portage, Wis., and Mrs. Glenna Smith Timmer of Washington, D. C.

The convention will be attended by about one thousand delegates from the 48 state associations affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage association.

"Many of us believe that we can wind up our agitation within a few years—that we can win the vote everywhere certainly within a decade," said Dr. Shaw. "That seems almost incred-

ible to those of us who have been at it a long time. But there is no doubt that an extraordinary change has come over public opinion on this question, and we are going to review systematically our present methods, our present literature, our organization schemes. We are going to give our whole propaganda an overhauling. It will be a convention for suffragists only; indeed, many of the sessions will be secret.

"I am not a candidate for president of the association. At present nobody is, so far as I can see. At any rate, the annual election, while it will exact and receive the best thought of the convention, will probably take less time and energy than it has in some previous years.

"That will leave us plenty of time to devote to the pressing problems of our movement. It will be a good convention for note books and sharp-edged pencils."

## CARDINAL TAKES DEFINITE STAND

Head of American Hierarchy Declares Himself Publicly Against Militarism.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Cardinal Gibbons has taken his stand definitely with the opponents of the proposed militaristic program and has endorsed the program and sentiments of those opposed to the program. He will attend the big meeting to be held at the academy here Sunday night and will send a message to the Sunday afternoon meeting of the anti-militaristic advocates. He admitted he would give his full support in every possible way. That the venerable primate of the American hierarchy of the Catholic church has given his approval to demonstration is something of a surprise to those who know him intimately, as it has always been his custom to avoid such discussions. Heretofore he has never identified himself publicly with the adherents of any national question.

## JAPANESE EMPEROR REVIEWS HIS FLEET

Yokohama, Dec. 4.—Emperor Yoshihito reviewed the Japanese fleet here today in connection with the celebration of his coronation. The United States cruiser Saratoga, flagship of the Asiatic fleet, had the place of honor opposite the new 30,000-ton Japanese battleship Fuso. The commander of the American fleet, Rear Admiral Winterhalter, and his staff, accompanied the emperor on the battle cruiser Tachibana. The American officers were much impressed by the many manifestations of friendship on the part of the Japanese.

## Algerian Sunk Without Warning.

Paris, Dec. 4, 7:55 a. m.—Further particulars of the sinking of the French steamship Algerien on Nov. 25 show that the vessel was torpedoed without warning by a submarine flying the Austrian flag, the Rome correspondent of the Journal telegraphs. "The submarine also fired shells, one of which killed the captain."

"The crew lowered boats. One of them picked up the captain's body but this boat was then attacked and sunk by the submarine."

## Denies Knowing Insulter of Mrs. Galt.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Samuel C. Osborne, a Chicago manufacturer, stated to-

## NONAGENARIAN DIES IN MERCER COUNTY

(Special to The Argus.)

Aledo, Ill., Dec. 4.—John Petrie, an aged and highly esteemed resident of Mercer county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Cook, near Hamlet yesterday. If he had lived until April, he would have been 91 years old. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning and the body will be taken to Swedona for burial.

## Consul Involved in Plot.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Activities of federal agents and investigators who are collecting evidence to present to the grand jury next Monday in connection with the alleged German dynamite plots to destroy munition plants and ships have brought into the investigation, it became known, Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, attache of the German consulate in this city.

## Collision Sinks Schooner.

New York, Dec. 4.—The American schooner Linch K. Kamenski was sunk off Cape Hatteras today in a collision with the Spanish steamer Conde Wilfredo, according to a wireless message from the Spanish steamship transmitted to the Marconi wireless station at Miami, Fla. The schooner's crew was saved.

## Whitlock to Return to Belgium.

Washington, Dec. 4.—American Minister Whitlock is to return to Brussels, Belgium, when he sails from Rotterdam, it was stated officially at the state department today.

## English Services at Gorman Church.

English services will be held at the German Evangelical church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. J. Rolf.

## Bank Reserve Less.

New York, Dec. 4.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$179,310,030 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$4,167,310 from last week.

## Standard Oil Advances.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Standard Oil company of New York today announced an advance of one cent a gallon on all grades and packages of gasoline for export to take effect at once.

## Buy Plush Coats Now.

You have an opportunity to select coats from the latest New York creations at reduced prices at the M. & K. Christmas sales.

## Open Up Your Life.

By cultivating our natural gifts we add to them; by neglect we lose them. Seed that is never put into the soil will never produce a plant. The life that remains closed will never produce a man.

## MOLINE SAND CO. MADE DEFENDANT

Charles E. Sikes Seeks to Recover \$5,000 in Moline City Court—Claims Gravel and Sand Taken.

Twenty-five cases have been filed in the Moline city court of Judge G. O. Dietz for the December term, which opens Monday, Dec. 12.

Two cases were filed yesterday. One was a suit against the Moline Sand company for \$5,000, filed by Charles E. Sikes. The plaintiff is owner of some property along the river and he asks damages from the sand company for the alleged removal of gravel and sand from his property.

Case of Harry Rimmerman, grocer, who some time ago was assessed \$50 and costs by Magistrate Frank Gustafson for alleged violation of the weights and measures law, has been appealed to the city court.

Declaration in the damage suit for \$10,000 instituted by T. I. Stanley against K. I. Willis, for alleged defamation of character, was filed today. The action is based on alleged utterances by the defendant during the local option campaign by the defendant and which are alleged to have reflected on the habits and reputation of the complainant.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Hearing of the claim of Mrs. Flora Sheehan, administratrix of the estate of her husband, John B. Sheehan, deceased, who was killed in a mine explosion while being employed as a shot firer at Ellisville, Ill., by the Spoon River Coal Co., of which W. A. Shaefter of this city is receiver, was heard today before Robert Eadel, member of the Industrial Board of Illinois in Memorial hall, court house. The accident occurred last September. T. A. Sheehan, Chicago lawyer, and brother of the deceased, appeared for the claimant and Judge K. W. Olmsted for the company. Mr. Eadel took the matter under advisement.

Those indicted for felonies by the grand jury yesterday will be arraigned Monday morning at 10 o'clock in circuit court. Capias were issued today in county court for those held for misdemeanors. Bond in the sum of \$500 in each case was fixed by Judge N. A. Larson. Arraignment will take place Monday morning.

Suit for divorce was filed in circuit court this morning by Mrs. Hazel Eastman of this city against her husband, Clarence Eastman. Dunkenness and extreme and repeated cruelty are charged. The custody of a nine-month-old baby is asked. H. M. McCaskin is the attorney.

Witnesses for the proponents in the Lloyd will case were still on the stand when circuit court adjourned yesterday afternoon. Judge W. T. Church dismissed the jury until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## PERSONAL POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ohlweiler, 1618 Third avenue, and their daughters, Miss Marguerite Ohlweiler and Mrs. Mabel Thimling and granddaughter, Charlotte Thimling, left last evening for a winter sojourn in California. They were accompanied by Mr. Ohlweiler's sister, Mrs. Pauline Gerhardt, who returns to her home in California after several months' visit in the city.

Mrs. E. F. Bartholomew, 741 Thirtieth street, returned last night after a month's visit in Washington, D. C. and other cities in the east.

Friends of Ira J. Roberts, who has been ill at St. Anthony's hospital for the past two weeks, will be pleased to know that his condition is greatly improved today and that he is now on the road to recovery.

Edward Brien, 1625 Twenty-eighth street, went to Chicago yesterday on business and pleasure.

## SOCIAL

## INTERMEDIATES SOCIAL SESSION

The first business and social meeting of the recently organized Intermediate Young People's association of the United Presbyterian church, was held last evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Vance, 1024 Fourteenth and a-half street. After a brief business meeting a time of sociability was enjoyed with games and music and the serving of refreshments.

## U. P. LADIES PLAN LUNCH.

A largely attended meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the United Presbyterian church was held yesterday in the home of Mrs. D. J. Witt, 1605 Fourteenth avenue. The ladies decided to hold a noon day dinner at the church Thursday, Dec. 16, from 11:30 to 1:30 o'clock and serve articles of food at a dinner apiece. The afternoon was spent working in the interest of the church and during a social half hour refreshments were served.

## MRS. EDGAR ENTERTAINS FOR DR. SHERRARD.

Mrs. John Edgar, 750 Thirtieth street, entertained during the week for her nephew, Dr. B. H. Sherrard, who will leave soon to take up his work with the dental corps of the United States army, to which position he was recently appointed.

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## ENGLISH PEACE ADVOCATES FEW

Members of Harmony Supporters in Great Britain Said to Have Divided Late.

London, Nov. 23. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—All observers agree that the peace advocates in Great Britain have dwindled in numbers. The labor element, that at one time was inclined to be lukewarm in the support of the war, is now credited with being among its most outspoken adherents. Labor leaders having thrown themselves eagerly into backing Lord Derby in his recruiting campaign.

It is admitted on every hand that the fortune of war does not at present favor the allies. The Dardanelles campaign, particularly the landing at Suvla bay, is a tremendous disappointment; the advance at Loos has been followed by the general belief that as at Neuve Chapelle a brilliant opportunity to make the most of a promising opening was lost; the virtual loss of the Serbian territory and the precarious position of the army that landed at Saloniki are not under-estimated; the attitude of Greece and Rumania, the disagreements in the cabinet and other disturbing factors are all weighed on the balance and contribute to a general apprehension that things are not as well as Mr. Churchill expressed in his apology. Still the British are not dismayed and the universal belief is that any chancellor which "sounded" Downing street on the possibility of peace would find no welcome. The "men, munitions and money" will win the war is the conviction that no adversary has shaken.

With the British fleet afloat and the British army gaining strength week by week, it is argued on all sides that London will not consider peace suggestions from any source while Germany remains in Belgium.

## PAPER ADVANCES AT LACK OF DYE STUFFS

New York, Dec. 4.—Paper jobbers here received announcements from leading paper manufacturers today that the price of colored papers has been advanced from half a cent to four cents a pound, according to the grade. The greatest advance is in coarse

## CLARKE CHOSEN TO HEAD SENATE

Democratic Wrangle Is Finally Settled by the Renomination of the Arkansan.

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the fight over the presidency pro-tempore of the senate settled by the renomination of Senator Clarke of Arkansas, democrats of the senate in caucus again turned their attention to cloture.

The contest over the selection of a president pro-tempore, which lasted for five days, came to a harmonious ending late yesterday. Senator Clarke was chosen over his opponent, Senator Pomeroy of Ohio, by a vote of 28 to 23.

## City Briefs

Buy a home of Reidy Bros. For express, call William Trefz. Tri-City Towel Supply company. The Cardinal basketball team of Rock Island last night defeated the Princeton quintet on the latter's floor by a score of 34 to 12. The home team was completely outclassed by the lightning team work of the locals. Captain Durling, Dempsey and R. McMullin starred for the Islanders. Games with the Cardinals can be arranged by calling Manager Miller, R. I. 4558-X.

National Defense day will be observed in the United States Monday, at which time congress is scheduled to convene. The day will be observed in Rock Island as municipal day. Mayor McConochie some time ago in a proclamation having urged all people to suspend the American emblem from their homes and from business houses.

The M. & K. X-mas Sales. The M. & K. is the Christmas store. Be sure to be on hand promptly Monday morning.

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